implement and execute rural water supply projects from ARWSP funds. Hence no proposal needs any clearance of the Central Government.

RGNDW Mission in Rajasthan

1763. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released to the State of Rajasthan under Rajeev Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the district-wise details of projects under taken under the Mission in the State of Rajasthan during said period;

(c) what has been achieved thereby, and could it be termed satisfactory;

(d) whether grants have also been given to voluntary organizations/ NGOs under the scheme, in Rajasthan;

(e) if so, the details and achievements thereof; and

(f) what steps Government have taken to ensure target oriented achievement under RGNDWM?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Rajeev Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for rendering financial assistance to State Governments with a view to supplement their efforts in providing drinking water facilities in rural habitations. During the Tenth Plan, the amount released to Government of Rajasthan is Rs. 1372.91 crores as per following details:—

Year	Amount Released (Rs. in crores)
2002-03	235.96
2003-04	269.06
2004-05	370.66
2005-06 (as on 5.3.2006)	497.23
Total:	1372.91

(b) and (c) Rural drinking water is a State subject. State Governments are empowered to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural Water

supply projects from the funds provided under ARWSP The detail of the said projects is not maintained at the Central level.

(d) Under ARWSP, grant is not given to Voluntary Organizations/ NGOs

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The targets are fixed with reference to the allocation and the State Governments are consulted in target fixation exercise. The achievements are monitored through Monthly Progress Reports as well as through conferences with State Government representatives are also held periodically wherein the progress is reviewed.

Conference of Union and State Ministers regarding drinking water in rural areas

1764. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any conference of Union and State Ministers was held to discuss about drinking water in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed;

(c) the recommendations made and the action proposed to be taken;

(d) whether drinking water is to be provided to all the villages under the Bharat Nirman Programme;

(e) if so, the details thereof including investment to be made; and

(f) the targets fixed and achievements made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) A Conference of State Ministers in charge of rural drinking water supply and sanitation was held on 31st January-1st February 2006 in New Delhi. The Conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister and it was attended by State Ministers in-charge of rural drinking water and sanitation and officers of Central and State Governments.

(b) and (c) The issues discussed during the Conference were— review of the progress made in the current year under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Swajaldhara and Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), increasing the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)